

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT GREENEVILLE**

CHRISTOPHER S. SEXTON,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

OFFICER MOWDY, OFFICER COLE,  
OFFICER BLAKELY, OFFICER  
ZOOK, and OFFICER JOSHUA  
ADAMS,

*Defendants.*

No. 2:13-cv-206-TWP

**MEMORANDUM**

This is a prisoner's *pro se* civil rights action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This matter is before the Court upon the postal return of copies of two orders entered in this lawsuit, which were mailed to plaintiff at the address he listed as his current address in his complaint. Each order was returned to the Court by the postal authorities more than ten days ago, with the first envelope marked, "return to sender, no longer in facility," and second one marked, "RTS" (Docs. 11 and 12). Obviously, plaintiff has failed to provide the Court with notice of his address change and, without his current address, neither the Court nor the defendants can communicate with him regarding his case.

Accordingly, this action will be **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**, sua sponte, for want of prosecution. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); *Link v. Wabash R. Co.*, 370 U.S.

626, 630-31 (1962) (recognizing court's authority to dismiss a case sua sponte for lack of prosecution); *White v. City of Grand Rapids*, No. 01-229234, 34 F. App'x 210, 211, 2002 WL 926998, at \*1 (6th Cir. May 7, 2002) (finding that *pro se* prisoner's complaint "was subject to dismissal for want of prosecution because he failed to keep the district court apprised of his current address"); *Jourdan v. Jabe*, 951 F.2d 108 (6th Cir. 1991).

**ENTER:**

s/ Thomas W. Phillips  
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE